

Regular Meeting Gravette City Council

February 24, 2011

6:00 pm

401 Charlotte Street SE

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warren at 6:00 p.m. A roll call attendance was taken. Tina Crose here, Larry Stidham here, Bill Howard here, Melissa Smith here, James Denver here and John Rambadt here, all present. City Recorder/Treasurer Mike von Ree and City Attorney Tom Smith were absent.

Paul Martin, Youth Minister for United Methodist Church, gave an opening prayer. Mayor Warren led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Denver to approve the agenda for the meeting. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Certificates of Appreciation

Mayor Warren presented certificates of appreciation to Kendell Toeller, Michael Edwards and Blake Ortman for displaying outstanding citizenship when they stopped to help a gentleman who had fallen in front of city hall. The young men rendered assistance and stayed until an ambulance arrived.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 1/27/2011

Minutes of the January 27, 2011 Council Meeting were reviewed. It was noted that the date in the heading read 2010 instead of 2011. Crose made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting 2/16/11

Minutes of the February 16, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting were reviewed. Denver made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. This meeting had been moved from February 10, 2011 to February 16, 2011 due to weather conditions.

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance to Close the 2009 City Budget

Attorney Smith read an ordinance titled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL ADJUSTMENT AND RECONCILIATION OF THE 2009 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GRAVETTE, ARKANSAS". Rambadt made a motion to approve the first reading and place to ordinance on second and third readings by title only. Crose seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Stidham aye, Howard aye, Smith aye, Denver aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed. Denver made a motion to "Do Pass". Stidham seconded the motion. A roll call

vote was taken, Crose aye, Stidham aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes motion passed. The ordinance number assigned was 11-6.

New Business

Partial Construction Easement Waiver

A partial construction easement waiver was read by attorney Smith for property described as Lot 9, Block 4 of the Highland Addition to the City of Gravette. Rambadt made a motion to allow the Mayor and City Recorder to waive said construction easement. Crose seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Offer for Purchase of Land by Steele Communications

Rambadt made a motion to reject an offer by Steele Communications to purchase land used for the Steele Communications cellular tower. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Selection of Contractor to Renovate the City Pool

Rambadt made a motion to table the issue until the committee of the whole meeting in March. Howard seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Selection of Option for Sewer Upgrade

Denver made a motion to authorize Mayor Warren to interface with McGoodwin, Williams and Yates concerning the sewer upgrade. The council is requesting a to-date calculation of moneys owed to M, W. & Y. The firm has also being requested to respond to the Peer Review done by McClellan Engineering. Rambadt seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Library Ordinance

After review, it was determined that Library Ordinance 08-24 did not require any changes and therefore no action was taken.

Special City Council Meeting

A special City Council meeting will be held on March 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall prior to convening the regular Committee of the Whole meeting.

Resolutions Added to Agenda

Rambadt made a motion to add three resolutions to the agenda. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Trails Grant

Attorney Smith read a resolution authorizing Allyson Ransom to proceed with an application for a grant from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for a Wildlife Observation Trails Grant to develop walking trails in Gravette. Denver made a motion to authorize Ransom to pursue this grant. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The resolution number is 022411-A. Matching funds are not required for this grant.

Sidewalk Grant

Attorney Smith read a resolution authorizing Allyson Ransom to proceed with an application for a grant titled "Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant" from Arkansas State Highway/Transportation Department. The grant will be used to extend sidewalks from school grounds and make repairs as needed. A motion was made by Stidham to authorize Ransom to proceed with this grant application. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The resolution number is 022411-B. Matching funds are not required for this grant.

Pool Grant

Attorney Smith read a resolution authorizing Allyson Ransom to proceed with an application for a grant the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program for a \$15,000.00 matching 50/50 grant for additional renovations to the Gravette City Pool. The City has budgeted \$20,000.00 for pool renovation in 2011. These funds would satisfy the required match. Stidham made a motion to authorize Ransom to proceed with this grant application. Crose seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The resolution number is 022411-C.

Comments from Council Members:

Comments from the City Attorney:

Comments from the Mayor:

The city is repairing potholes after storm.

Repairs to lift station are estimated at between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00. An insurance claim will be submitted. This damage was caused by vandalism. The incident is being investigated by the Gravette Police Department.

Estimates were distributed for improvements to Pop Allum Park ball fields.

Howard reminded the council about the need for early scheduling with the county for paving of Limekiln Road. Mayor Warren will interface with the County Judge and County Road Superintendent Gary Black on this project.

A motion to adjourn was made by Denver and seconded by Crose. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Michael von Ree
City Recorder/Treasurer